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US Congressmen from Wisc
each received this letter
at both their Milwaukee
and Washington offices
plus a complete copy of
our filing to the FCC.....

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club



CHARTERED AS
A NON-STOCK CORPORATION BY THE
STATE OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

April 9, 1984

Sixty-six years old, and serving all of metro Milwaukee, we are the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, Inc., the oldest continuously active amateur club in the entire world.

We need and could stand your support in a hearing coming before the Federal Communications Commission, PR Docket 84-265, and being rushed through with closing date for filing April 16, 1984, and reply comments due by May 1, 1984.

The FCC is planning to divest itself of the chore of administering license examinations to persons applying for amateur radio licenses and is turning the testing over to teams of three volunteer examiners who would attest the results of tests they administer.

Late in 1983 Congress passed a bill to permit volunteer examiners to collect a fee of not more than \$4 for each exam administered to cover their expenses such as room rent, travel, printing, paper, postage, etc..

One organization, the American Radio Relay League, is contracting with the Commission to become a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator for all areas and wants the entire \$4 for their efforts. This organization has a pecuniary interest and will benefit by virtue of increased membership, sale of publications and of advertising in said publications.

Allowing nothing for the expenses incurred by Volunteer Examiners would be absolutely absurd, unfair, and in the long run most certainly a determinant to the program. And we will need volunteers.

Please use your influence with the FCC to get us a fair decision.

Respectfully submitted by the,
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AFFILIATED WITH
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To the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PR Docket No. 84-265
Reimbursement of
Out-of-Pocket Costs
for Volunteer Administered
Amateur Radio Examinations.

The Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, Inc., in their meeting on April 4, 1984, voted unanimously to file with the Federal Communications Commission in the matter of PR Docket No. 84-265 concerning reimbursement for expenses incurred in the Volunteer Examiner program.

We urge the Commission, in ruling on a division of the allowable \$4 examination fee, to be sure that enough is allowed the Volunteer Examiners to do a good and proper job.

Likewise we point out to the FCC that an organization planning to become a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator for all 13 FCC defined areas has a pecuniary interest and will be able to recover costs by virtue of increased membership, sale of publications and of advertising in said publications.

Allowing nothing for Volunteer Examiners expenses would be absolutely absurd, unfair, and in the long run most certainly a determinant to the program. We all need the volunteers.

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Re: PR Docket No. 84-265

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, Inc., (MRAC), is the oldest continuously active amateur radio club in the entire world, finishing sixty-six years of operation this summer. We believe that it is the largest amateur radio club in Wisconsin.

Last year, in our opposition to PR Docket No. 83-27, in the matter of Volunteer Examiners, we pointed out that most amateur radio clubs and volunteer examiners can supply the manpower but cannot afford the expenses required to do a proper job of giving license examinations.

MRAC is the only organization in our state that regularly schedules training classes for prospective amateurs with classes for each of the five grades of amateur licenses. We are proud that 80% of our students are not even members of our club. That's public service. We pay fees for the use of the classrooms and our instructors donate their efforts. The use of two free parking areas is included with the classrooms.

To our knowledge, the FCC has done nothing to protect volunteer examiners from lawsuits from disgruntled license applicants. MRAC carries liability insurance at the two million dollar level and in 66 years of existence has never been sued for anything.

With such suitable facilities MRAC is obviously very well suited to perform the duties of volunteer examiner organization for the Milwaukee Metro area and properly support Volunteer Examiners and any proper Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.

Our opposition to volunteer examination has been reduced by Congressional action that now permits examiners to charge up to \$4 per examination and it is obvious that the volunteer examiner will need a considerable portion of that. It should be noted that the examination for small groups is more costly per person tested than it is for larger groups.

We are certain that the FCC Examiners who have been giving periodic examinations in the field have been turning in expense vouchers to cover the same items our local clubs and volunteer examiners would have to finance, namely, suitable rooms (in our case classrooms) postage, stationary and pencils, bulletins including printing, travel, parking, meals, etc..

We urge the Commission to authorize a suitable division of the four dollar fee between the big organizations and the Volunteer Examiners. At this point it should be very obvious to the FCC that the Volunteer Examiners as a group are in no position to finance and continue to finance this program.

Surely it must be apparent to the Commission that an organization that is considering taking on the entire 13 FCC defined regions as a Voluntary Examiner Coordinator enjoys a very pecuniary position that will profit the organization by increased membership, publication sales and advertising in its' publications.

We charge the Federal Communications Commission with the obligation of seeing that the little fellow is not unduly burdened in assisting with the amateur radio examinations.

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